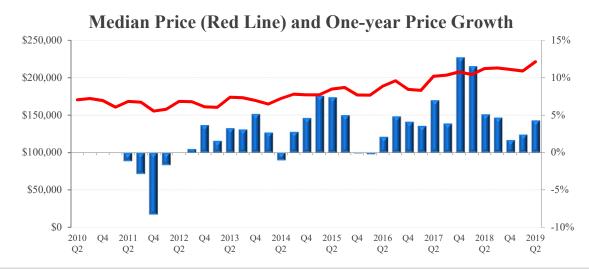


### **Baton Rouge Area** Local Market Report, Second Quarter 2019

### Today's Market...



Local Price Trends				
<b>Baton Rouge</b>	U.S.	Local Trend		
\$221,300	\$276,800			
4.3%	4.2%	Prices continue to grow relative to last ye		
17.3%	15.8%			
\$32,600	\$37,667	Gains in the last 3 years have extended th		
\$52,900	\$95,867	trend of positive price growth after the		
\$50,900	\$100,200	recession		
	Baton Rouge   \$221,300   4.3%   17.3%   \$32,600   \$52,900	Baton Rouge U.S.   \$221,300 \$276,800   4.3% 4.2%   17.3% 15.8%   \$32,600 \$37,667   \$52,900 \$95,867		

\*Note: Equity gain reflects price appreciation only

	Baton Rouge	U.S.	
Conforming Loan Limit**	\$484,350	\$726,525	Most buyers in this market have access to
FHA Loan Limit	\$314,827	\$726,525	government-backed financing
Local Median to Conforming Limit Ratio	46%	not comparable	government-backed mancing
Note: limits are current and include the changes made on January 1st 2019			

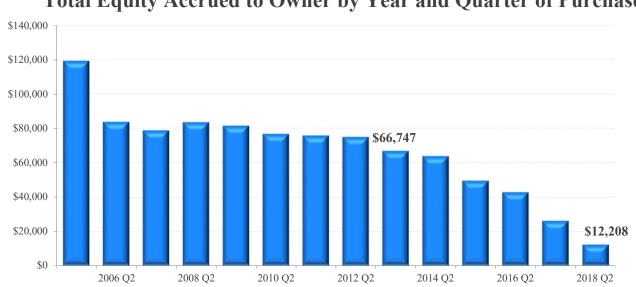
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#### Local NAR Leadership

The Baton Rouge market is part of region 10 in the NAR governance system, which includes all of Louisiana and Texas. The 2019 NAR Regional Vice President representing region 10 is Beth Cristina.



# **Benefits of Ownership: Total Equity Appreciation**



Total Equity Accrued to Owner by Year and Quarter of Purchase

Total Equity Gained** through 2019 Q2 from quarter in which home was of purchased				
Price Activity	BatonRouge	U.S.	Local Trend	
1-year (4-quarter)	\$12,208	\$15,090		
3-year (12-quarter)*	\$42,672	\$50,431	Price appreciation and principle payment in the last 3 years have boosted total equi growth since the recession	
5-year (20-quarter)*	\$63,659	\$79,779		
7-year (28 quarters)*	\$74,843	\$108,518		
9-year (36 quarters)*	\$76,653	\$112,549		
If purchase in 2005, the national price peak	\$119,263	\$75,039		

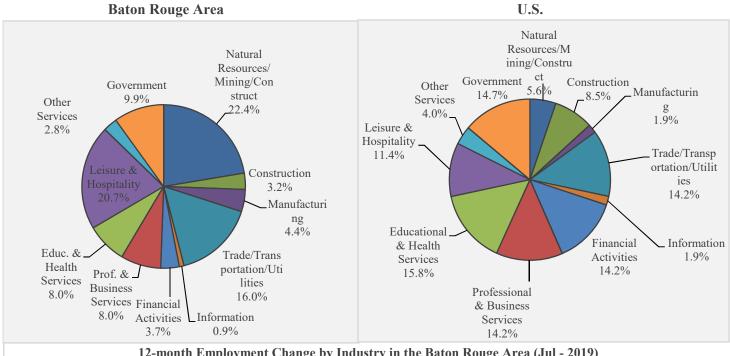
\*Note: Equity gain reflects price and principle payments since purchase, prevailing 30-year fixed rate mortgage at time of purchase and a 10% downpayment. Downpayment is not included in total equity



# **Drivers of Local Supply and Demand...**

Local Economic Outlook	Baton Rouge	U.S.		
12-month Job Change (Jun)	-1,100	Not Comparable	Emplyoment continues to decline and will	
12-month Job Change (May)	700	Ñot Comparable	weigh on demand in some areas	
36-month Job Change (Jun)	5,600	Not Comparable	Baton Rouge's unemployment rate lags the national average, but has improved relative	
Current Unemployment Rate (Jun)	4.9%	3.7%	to the same period last year	
Year-ago Unemployment Rate	5.5%	3.9%	Local employment growth is poor and	
1-year (12 month) Job Growth Rate	-0.3%	1.7%	needs to improve	

### **Share of Total Employment by Industry**

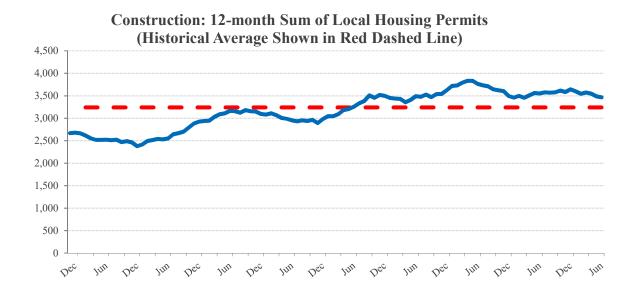


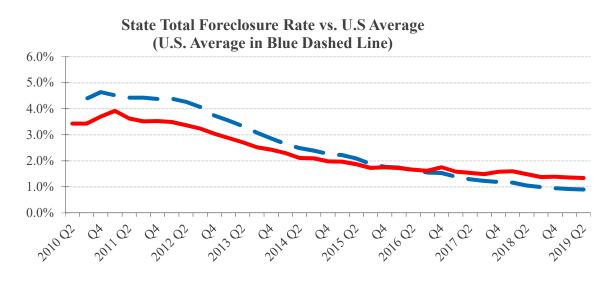
12-month Employment Change by Industry in the Baton Rouge Area (Jul - 2019)				
Goods Producing	NA	Information	0	
Natural Resources/Mining/Construction	-5,600	Financial Activities	-500	
Natural Resources and Mining	NA	Prof. & Business Services	1,200	
Construction	-500	Educ. & Health Services	600	
Manufacturing	100	Leisure & Hospitality	1,600	
Service Providing Excluding Government	NA	Other Services	100	
Trade/Transportation/Utilities	400	Government	100	

State Economic Activity Index	Louisiana	U.S.	
12-month change (2019 - Jun)	0.4%	3.0%	Louisiana's economy is growing, but decelerated from last month's 0.47% change
36-month change (2019 - Jun)	NA	9.2%	and lags the rest of the nation



New Housing Construction				
Local Fundamentals	<b>Baton Rouge</b>	U.S.		
12-month Sum of 1-unit Building Permits through Jun	3,467	not comparable	The current level of construction is 7.0% above the long-term average	
8-year average for 12-month Sum of 1-Unit Building Permits	3,241	not comparable	Production above trend for an extended period of time could cause prices to moderate as inventory is built up.	
Single-Family Housing Permits (Jun) 12-month sum vs. a year ago	-2.4%	-2.5%	Construction continues to decline from las year	





Source: Mortgage Bankers' Association



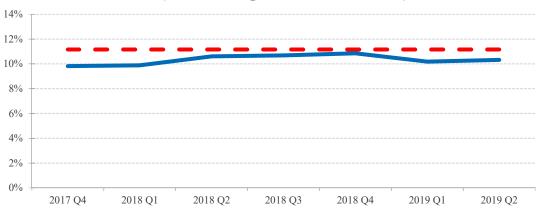
## Affordability



#### Long-Term Trend: Ratio of Local Mortgage Servicing Cost to Income (Local Historical Average Shown in Red, U.S. Average in Green)

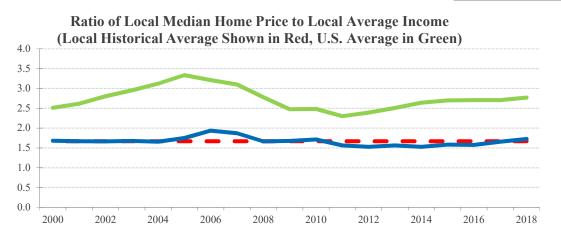
Monthly Mortgage Payment to Income	Baton Rouge	U.S.		
Ratio for 2018	10.5%	16.9%	Historically strong, but weaker than the fin quarter of 2019	
Ratio for 2019 Q2	10.3%	16.3%		
Historical Average	11.2%	18.6%	More affordable than most markets	

#### Recent Trend - Local Mortgage Servicing Cost to Income (Historical Average Shown in Red Dashed Line)

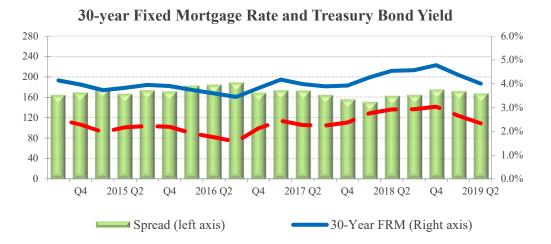


Median Home Price to Income	<b>Baton Rouge</b>	U.S.	
Ratio for 2018	1.7	2.8	The price-to-income ratio is high by historic
Ratio for 2019 Q2	1.8	2.8	standards and getting worse
Historical Average	1.7	2.7	Affordable compared to most markets





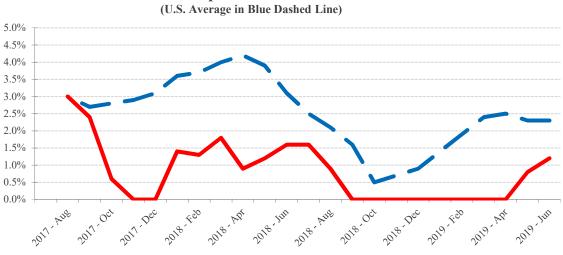
### **The Mortgage Market**



Home loans grew cheaper in the second quarter of the year. Interest rates for long-term fixed-rate loans have decreased substantially since the end of 2018. Not that long ago (November 2018), the average interest rate for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage was near 5%. In contrast, as the second quarter ended, the 30-year fixed rate mortgage dropped to 4.00 percent in Q2 2019 from 4.54 percent in the Q2 2018, according to mortgage finance provider Freddie Mac. Stock market volatility and global trade worries are pushing rates down. In the meantime, homebuyers and homeowners benefit from these low rates. Looking ahead, NAR is forecasting the 30-year fixed rate mortgage to average 3.9 percent for 2019 and 3.6 percent for 2020, respectively.



### **REALTOR®** Price Expectations



**REALTOR®** Price Expectations for the Next 12 Months

Source: NAR

<b>REALTOR®</b> Price Expectations	Louisiana	U.S.	
2019 - Jun	1.2%	2.3%	REALTORS® expect weaker price growt in Louisiana than in the U.S. in the next 1 months. Their price expectations for the local market are more modest than a year ago.
Prior 12 months	1.6%	3.1%	



## Geographic Coverage for this Report

The Baton Rouge area referred to in this report covers the geographic area of the Baton Rouge metro area as officially defined by the Office of Management and Budget of the U.S. Government. The official coverage area includes the following counties:

#### Ascension Parish, East Baton Rouge Parish, East Feliciana Parish, Iberville Parish, Livingston Parish, Pointe Coupee Parish, St. Helena Parish, West Baton Rouge Parish, and West Feliciana Parish

More information on the OMB's geographic definitions can be found at https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/omb/bulletins\_default/